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China, Iran (Islamic Republic of)* (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement): draft resolution

30/... The right to development

The Human Rights Council,

Recalling the Charter of the United Nations and the core human rights instruments,

Reaffirming the Declaration on the Right to Development, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 41/128 of 4 December 1986,

Reaffirming also Human Rights Council resolutions 4/4 of 30 March 2007 and 9/3 of 17 September 2008, and recalling all Commission on Human Rights, Council and General Assembly resolutions on the right to development, the most recent being Council resolution 27/2 of 25 September 2014,

Recognizing the renewed commitments to achieve the remaining Millennium Development Goals, as set out in the outcome document adopted at the high-level plenary meeting of the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals,[1]

Emphasizing the urgent need to make the right to development a reality for everyone,

Emphasizing also that all human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the right to development, can only be enjoyed in an inclusive and collaborative framework, at the international, regional and national levels, and in this regard underlining the importance of engaging the United Nations system, including United Nations funds, programmes and specialized agencies, within their respective mandates, relevant international organization including financial and trade organizations, and relevant stakeholders, including civil society organizations, development practitioners, human rights experts and the public at all levels, in discussions on the right to development,

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* Non-member State of the Human Rights Council.

[1] General Assembly resolution 65/1.

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Welcoming the adoption of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,

Recognizing that achieving the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals and the sustainable development goals, requires effective policy coherence and coordination,

Recognizing also that extreme poverty and hunger are one of the greatest global threats and require the collective commitment of the international community for its eradication, and therefore calling upon the international community to contribute towards achieving that goal in accordance with the sustainable development goals,

Underlining the imperative need for raising awareness of the progress made, still existing difficulties and accelerating action towards the achievement of the unmet Millennium Development Goals and the transition to the sustainable development goals,

Emphasizing that all human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the right to development, are universal, indivisible, interdependent and interrelated,

Underlining that the successful implementation of the sustainable development goals will require the strengthening of a new, more equitable and sustainable national and international order, as well as the promotion and protection of all human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Emphasizing that the right to development should be central to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,

Taking note of the commitment declared by a number of United Nations specialized agencies, funds and programmes and other international organizations to make the right to development a reality for all, and in this regard urging all relevant bodies of the United Nations system and other international organizations to mainstream the right to development into their objectives, policies, programmes and operational activities, as well as into development and development-related processes, including the follow-up to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries,

Stressing the primary responsibility of States for the creation of national and international conditions favourable to the realization of the right to development,

Recognizing that Member States should cooperate with each other in ensuring development and eliminating lasting obstacles to development, that the international community should promote effective international cooperation, in particular global partnership for development, for the realization of the right to development and the elimination of obstacles to development, and that lasting progress towards the implementation of the right to development requires effective development policies at the national level, as well as equitable economic relations and a favourable economic environment at the international level,

Encouraging all Member States to constructively engage in the discussions for the full implementation of the Declaration on the Right to Development with a view to overcoming the existing political impasse within the Working Group on the Right to Development,

Recalling that the thirtieth anniversary of the Declaration on the Right to Development presents a unique opportunity for the international community to demonstrate and reiterate its unequivocal commitment to the right to development, recognizing the high profile it deserves, and redoubling its efforts to implement this right,

Stressing that, in General Assembly resolution 48/141 of 20 December 1993, the Assembly decided that the responsibility of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights shall be, among others, to promote and protect the realization of the right to

development and to enhance support from relevant bodies of the United Nations system for that purpose,

1. *Takes note* of the consolidated report of the Secretary-General and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the right to development;[2]

2. *Requests* the Office of the High Commissioner to continue to submit to the Human Rights Council an annual report on its activities, including on inter-agency coordination within the United Nations system that have direct relevance to the promotion and realization of the right to development;

3. *Urges* the High Commissioner to pursue his efforts, in fulfilment of his mandated responsibility, to enhance support for the promotion and protection of the realization of the right to development, taking as reference the Declaration on the Right to Development, all resolutions of the General Assembly, the Commission on Human Rights and the Human Rights Council on the right to development, and agreed conclusions and recommendations of the Working Group;

4. *Requests* the Office of the High Commissioner, in the implementation of the Declaration on the Right to Development, to take sufficient measures to ensure balanced and visible allocation of resources and due attention to ensure visibility of the right to development by identifying and implementing tangible projects dedicated to the right to development, and to provide regular updates to the Council in this regard;

5. *Recognizes* the need for renewed efforts towards intensifying deliberations in the Working Group to fulfil, at the earliest, its mandate as established by the Commission on Human Rights in its resolution 1998/72 of 22 April 1998 and the Human Rights Council in its resolution 4/4;

6. *Acknowledges* the need to strive for greater acceptance, operationalization and realization of the right to development at the international level while urging all States to undertake at the national level the necessary policy formulation and to institute the measures required for the implementation of the right to development as an integral part of all human rights and fundamental freedoms;

7. *Takes note with appreciation* of the oral update given by the Chair-Rapporteur of the Working Group on its sixteenth session;

8. *Welcomes* the newly elected Chair-Rapporteur of the Working Group and commends him for his able stewardship in guiding the deliberations of its sixteenth session, and appreciates all the work accomplished by the outgoing Chair-Rapporteur, including the draft framework presented at the sixteenth session of the Working Group;[3]

9. *Welcomes* the commencement of the second reading of the draft criteria and corresponding operational subcriteria;

10. *Recalls* that the Working Group continues its mandate and requests the Chair-Rapporteur to prepare a document containing a set of standards for consideration by the Working Group at its seventeenth session to implement the right to development based on relevant United Nations resolutions and documents, including, the Declaration on the Right to Development, relevant international conventions and decisions as well as internationally agreed development goals and United Nations resolutions, in consultation with Member States, relevant international organizations and other stakeholders;

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[2] A/HRC/30/22.

[3] See A/HRC/WG.2/16/2, annex.

11. *Also recalls* that the above-mentioned document would be prepared without prejudice to the ongoing discussions on the criteria and operational subcriteria, in the context of which the Working Group shall complete its second reading at its seventeenth session and decide on further action thereafter with the objective of elaborating a comprehensive and coherent set of standards for the implementation of the right to development;

12. *Acknowledges* the need to have the contributions of experts, regrets the low attendance of invited experts from international organizations at the sixteenth session of the Working Group, and in this context urges their broader engagement;

13. *Also acknowledges* the recommendation of the Working Group at its sixteenth session to discuss the post-2015 development agenda in the context of the right to development, and urges all relevant United Nations agencies, international organizations, civil society and other stakeholders to actively contribute to these deliberations and the further recommendation of the Working Group to the Office of the High Commissioner;

14. *Decides*:

(*a*) To continue to act to ensure that its agenda promotes and advances sustainable development and the achievement of the remaining Millennium Development Goals and the sustainable development goals, and in this regard lead to raising the right to development, as set out in paragraphs 5 and 10 of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, to the same level and on a par with all other human rights and fundamental freedoms;

(*b*) To endorse the recommendations of the Working Group adopted at its sixteenth session;

(*c*) That the Working Group will continue, at its seventeenth session, to accomplish its mandate, including to complete its second reading of the draft right to development criteria and corresponding operational subcriteria and to consider the document containing the draft set of standards requested in paragraph 10 above for the elaboration of a comprehensive and coherent set of standards for the implementation of the right to development;

(*d*) That the Working Group shall take appropriate steps to ensure respect for and practical application of the comprehensive and coherent set of standards, which could take various forms, including guidelines on the implementation of the right to development, and evolve into a basis for consideration of an international legal standard of a binding nature through a collaborative process of engagement;

(*e*) To convene a two-day formal meeting of the Working Group, after the seventeenth session, to consider further and discuss the document containing the draft set of standards requested in paragraph 10 above;

15. *Requests*, as part of the activities to commemorate the thirtieth anniversary of the Declaration on the Right to Development:

(*a*) The High Commissioner to seek the views of Member States in preparing a paper on the realization and implementation of the right to development, as elaborated in the Declaration on the Right to Development, in particular its article 4, and submit it to the Working Group for consideration at its seventeenth session;

(*b*) The General Assembly to consider holding a high-level segment on the right to development during the general debate at its seventy-first session;

16. *Encourages* Member States to individually and collectively convene events with their own resources for the commemoration of the thirtieth anniversary of the Declaration on the Right to Development;

17. *Also encourages* Member States to pay particular consideration to the right to development in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

18. *Encourages* relevant bodies of the United Nations system, within their respective mandates, including United Nations funds, programmes and specialized agencies, relevant international organizations, including the World Trade Organization and relevant stakeholders, including civil society organizations, to give due consideration to the right to development in the implementation of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and contribute further to the work of the Working Group and to cooperate with the High Commissioner in the fulfilment of his mandate with regard to the implementation of the right to development;

19. *Decides* to review the progress of the implementation of the present resolution, as a matter of priority, at its future sessions.